

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the preceding amendments and following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 6, 8-15, 17-20, 22-24, 26-28 and 30-32 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 12, 13, 14 and 15 are amended and claims 5 and 33-37 are cancelled. No new matter is added. Claims 1, 12, 13, 14, and 15 are the independent claims. Example support for the amendments herein may be found at Para. [0033-0039] and Figs. 2-6 of the present application.

Examiner Interview

Initially, Applicants wish to thank Examiner Chio for his time and helpful comments during the telephonic interview of September 1, 2009. During the telephonic interview, it was agreed that if independent claims 1 and 12-15 are amended as shown above, that such an amendment would overcome the current art rejections. Thus, the current art grounds of rejection have been rendered moot. More specifically, claims 1-4, 6, 8, 9, 12-15, 17-20, 22-24, 26-28, and 30-32 are patentable over Bae et al (US 2003/0188312 A1) in view of Tsukagoshi et al (US 5,848,217) and claims 10-11 are patentable over Bae in view of Tsukagoshi and further in view of Kashmia (US 2002/00087999).

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks and amendments, the Applicants respectfully submit that each of the pending objections and rejections has been addressed and overcome, placing the present application in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

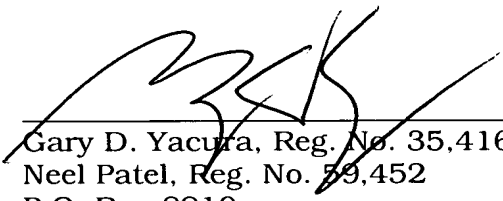
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gary D. Yacura, at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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